Samuel

“David Saves Saul’s Life”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

* The story of how Saul became Israel’s first king
* The story of how Saul failed as a king
* The story of David becoming Israel’s second king
* The story of David saving Saul’s life

Series Theme Verse: “For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; it is he who will save us.” – Isaiah 33:22

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that even though David had been chosen as the next king of Israel, he still had to wait until Saul was no longer king, and David did not kill Saul to assume the throne.

Lesson Passage: 1 Samuel 24:1-13, 26:1-22

Materials Needed: Bibles, Series Theme Verse on poster

Lesson Plan:

* Divide students into two groups.
* Give each group one of the passages: 1 Samuel 24:1-13, 1 Samuel 26:1-22
* Have them read the passage and then act out the story in their own way.
* It does not have to be exact, just close enough for the students to see that two different times, King Saul went to kill David, and even though David could have killed Saul, he did not because Saul was still king.

Talking Points: 1 Samuel 24:1-13

* Did David do anything to make Saul want to kill him? (No)
* Did David have a chance to kill Saul? (Yes)
* How? (In a dark cave while Saul was not aware of David’s presence)
* Was David being encouraged to kill Saul? (Yes, David’s men said God had delivered Saul into David’s hands to be killed)
* Did David kill Saul? (No)
* How did David prove to Saul that he had spared Saul’s life? (He showed him the piece he had cut from Saul’s robe)

Talking Points: 1 Samuel 26:1-22

* Did David do anything to make Saul want to kill him? (No)
* Did David have a chance to kill Saul? (Yes)
* How? (He snuck into Saul’s camp while Saul was asleep)
* Was David being encouraged to kill Saul? (Yes, David’s men said God had delivered Saul into David’s hands to be killed)
* Did David kill Saul? (No)
* How did David prove to Saul that he had spared Saul’s life? (He showed him the missing spear and water jug that was by Saul’s sleeping head)

The Story Retold:

* When we started this unit, we saw that Israel wanted a king, but God did not want them to have any king, but God.
* Who do you think was right? Did Saul act like a king should, or was he always chasing after what he wanted more than what God wanted or what was good for Israel?
* Our lives are the same way; we need to be looking to God as our king, not anyone else, or ourselves.
* How do we allow God to be our King?

The Story and Me:

* This is the last week for the Series Theme Verse, so give individual students a chance to say the verse from memory.
* As a group, talk about what the verse means to our lives.
* As a group, write a prayer thanking God for being our King and Savior.